

NEW WITNESSES ACCUSE WIDOW

They Tell of Encountering
Strange Illness Under
Vermilya Roof.

SHE NOW IS IN JAIL

Bodies Will Be Exhumed in
Search for Evidence
Against Her.

Chicago, November 6.—Two new witnesses came forward to-day to accuse Mrs. Louise Vermilya, the widow arrested on charges of poisoning Police Officer Arthur Blaissonette, of having knowledge of the manner in which some of the eight other persons who have died beneath her roof of similar ailments, came to their death.

Their identity was disclosed by Coroner Peter Hoffman, after the widow had been served with a warrant, and after she had been moved to the county jail, where she apparently is recovering from the effort on Saturday to poison herself.

Acting on the story of one of the witnesses, the coroner left to exhumate the body of Frank Brinkamp, son of Mrs. Vermilya's first husband, and one of the first of those to succumb to the attacks of acute stomach disorders. The grave is in Waldheim Cemetery, near Chicago.

Arthur F. Blaissonette, father of the dead policeman, was one of the new witnesses, and he disclosed himself as another who had encountered the mysterious stomach complaint while in the Vermilya home. From that encounter, he said, he still suffered.

The other witness was Miss Elizabeth Nolan, former fiancée of Frank Brinkamp, who, in an affidavit, charged that her intended husband had made statements on his death bed, virtually charging his stepmother with having "done away with him."

"I went to visit my son the day before he was taken to the hospital. I had two meals at the Vermilya home. After eating ham and eggs, on which I put pepper from a tin box, I had severe pains in my stomach. I got an emetic at a drug store and was relieved for a while, but the pains still are with me."

Miss Nolan's affidavit brought in the name of Undertaker C. C. Boyesen, who has been mentioned by a number of persons interrogated concerning the poisoning of Blaissonette, and concerning the mysterious death of another Vermilya roomer, Conductor Richard T. Smith. She averred that young Brinkamp, on his deathbed, said to his mother, "Oh, I'm about done for, you might as well let Boyesen come and bury me."

She also declared young Brinkamp said repeatedly he was "going the way did dad," and that he had expressed his suspicions that his father did not die of natural causes.



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POLICE COURT CASES

Joseph Walcott, colored, held for the grand jury on charge of burglary.

The case against Clarence Trainum, charged with a serious offense, was dismissed in Police Court yesterday morning, satisfactory agreement being reached between the parties concerned being arranged.

John Parrish, colored, charged with cutting Sarah Hardy, colored, was dismissed. Ralph Williams, colored, charged with running a crap joint at 30 Williams Street, was placed under \$100 for twenty days.

Joseph Walcott, colored, was sent to the county jail on a charge of breaking into the store of Lee Vaden, 134 West Broad Street, and stealing \$1.75.

Joe Hamilton, colored, charged with running a gambling house at 701 Brook Avenue, was fined \$5.

Edward Barber, colored, charged with recklessly driving his team in the street and injuring Mrs. H. B. Magee and her daughter, was dismissed.

Fire Department Changes.

The Board of Fire Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting last night with all present present except George E. Gentry, who is temporarily ill at his home in Washington Ward. The board expressed its regret at his absence.

George Z. Parker was appointed substitute on probation in Engine Company No. 11.

The following substitutes were placed on the eligible list, as they had served their probationary term: H. K. Childers in Engine Company No. 1, W. H. Green in Truck Company No. 2.

The board decided to have a house-to-house inspection of the Fire Department houses in place of the annual street inspection as heretofore held.

AMUSEMENTS

Bijou—Matinee and night, "The Millionaire Kid."

Stick to the Diamond, 77.

When Vaughan Glaser secured the services of the mighty Tyrus Raymond Cobb to glitter as the latest star in the theatrical firmament, he showed the wisdom of the ages in bringing forth from her long retirement George Ade's "College Widow" and uniting her in the bonds of Theatrical with the "Georgia Peach" for, in the character of Billy Bolton, the modest hero of the football field, the play offers the great baseball player an opportunity to appear on the stage and give an imitation of "Ty" Cobb. All the world knows Cobb to be a whole radiant constellation on the diamond, and many of us know him to be a quiet, likable fellow in every-day life, but we must all regretfully agree that he is in no sense an actor, and probably never will be, so that he owes his producer infinite gratitude for having given him a part in which he might appear a bashful, somewhat uneasy youngster with a shy manner, an unplaced voice of unpleasant quality and hands more accustomed to strenuous, difficult and skilful work than to hanging easily and uselessly at his sides. It would be absurd to imagine him in any other kind of part, but as it was, he gave what might fairly be called a rather pleasing performance, and when one remembers that this man, who had never been on the stage for a moment in his life until rehearsals began for this play, came on, after one week on the road, "letter perfect" in his lines, he realizes that his performance was, to that extent, remarkable. He is not much of an actor, but he can learn the words of his part and retain them.

With a few exceptions, the rest of the cast was satisfactory. While those constituting what would be the chorus in a musical show—in this instance they were "other college boys and girls"—were more uncouth than any institution of learning could possibly exhibit, no matter how far inland it might be.

But nobody mattered except the star, and while the house was small, it was so warm and so appreciative of the efforts of Mr. Cobb as an actor that he was compelled to respond after the third act with a neat little impromptu speech, which I couldn't altogether understand.

W. D. G.

Liked His Medicine.

Melodrama, punctuated here and there with musical numbers, was presented to a Bijou audience last night when "The Millionaire Kid" made his appearance.

So many entanglements occur during the four acts of the play that a succinct, understandable and of the plot is nearly, if not quite, impossible. As near as one could make out, the story is built around a gypsy girl, who really isn't a gypsy at all, but the daughter of a horrid old man, who deserted both she and her mother. Naturally here is where the millionaire kid enters. He is the son of an over-rich Chicago alderman, and he is in love with the pseudo gypsy girl.

It takes a long time for him finally to marry the girl and live forever and ever afterwards, and during all this long time eight young women of the chorus do their best to coax a tuneless note out of their collective voices. Once or twice they succeeded, but for the most part their attractiveness was in their feet. Somehow they didn't seem to hurt. Their voices did.

Ray Raymond—that's the way he is billed, and in caps, too—is the star. He is built along Colaneseque lines and acts the same way, or as nearly the same way as he can. He made the hit of the show singing "My Killarney Rose," aided by George Newman, who wrote it. The song is pretty and was very nearly well sung. Other members of the cast, including Georgia Hays, who is the heroine, acquitted themselves creditably.

The audience liked its medicine and voiced its sentiments by many encores. "The Millionaire Kid" will spend his father's money in lavish style all the rest of the week. Get in on the deluge.

"The Bohemian Girl."

The Aborn Opera Company's big special production of "The Bohemian Girl" is announced as the attraction at the Academy to-morrow and Thursday and Saturday matinees. It is said that this spectacular presentation of Balfe's delightful ballad opera ever, prove bigger and better than ever.

Messrs. Aborn, in the effort to live up to their policy of "continual improvement," are said to have devoted extreme care in the selection of the principal singers and the big chorus as well for this season's presentation. The same massive scenic environment and all of the novel features introduced to lend realism, including the wild dash of horses up the mountains in the first act, the wonderful "whirlwind" scene in the fair scene of the second act, the realistic gipsy camp scene, and ballet dancing in the marble hall scene of the last act, will be presented.

AMOUNT OF COTTON REQUIRED ABROAD

Estimates Made Up by State Department at
Request of Governor of Texas, for
Use at Conference.

Washington, D. C., November 6.—Estimates of American consular officers abroad of the amount of cotton required by the principal foreign countries for manufacturing purposes during the cotton year ending September 1, 1912, place the amount at 12,518,112 bales of 500 pounds each. These estimates were called for by the Department of State, upon request of the Governor of Texas, who wanted the information for the Conference of Governors at New Orleans. The summary, however, is incomplete, as a number of countries were not included, for the reason that estimates were not received.

The department's information shows the total foreign demands as follows in 500-pound bales: Austria, 530,000; Belgium, 74,500; Canada, 135,000; China, 2,300,000; England, 2,354,512 (estimates for England and Italy refer to demands for American cotton only); France, 1,110,000; Germany, 1,756,800; Italy, 525,000; Japan, 1,160,000; Mexico, 160,000; Netherlands, 110,000; Russia, 825,000; Spain, 232,000; Switzerland, 45,000. Total, 12,518,112.

Including the normal demands of Greece, Portugal, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, British India and all other countries, this amount would be increased by near 2,000,000 bales. England and Italy require about 750,000 bales more than estimates above for their total consumption. With these additions the amount would be approximately 15,268,112 bales. If the American consumption were the same as that in 1910, the total amount of cot-

ton needed during the year would be about 20,000,000 bales, compared with 18,311,000 bales consumed by mills throughout the world in 1910.

It is pointed out, however, that the State Department's estimate of the needs of China (2,300,000 bales) probably included a large quantity of cotton consumed by hand looms, and which is not taken into account in the Census Bureau's reports of the world's mill consumption, which shows a consumption of only 215,000 bales.

The consul-general at Shanghai reports that there is a temporary demand for American cotton due to the fact that many domestic producers are holding back their product, and about 50,000 bales have been purchased from the United States. He thinks the present disturbance in China and the consequent money stress may curtail the consumption. If the present unrest in China continues, the American consul-general at London says, Lancashire's chief market for cotton piece goods will be seriously affected.

An element of uncertainty exists in Italy, the consul-general at Genoa reports, owing to the war with Turkey, as that country is a large importer of Italian cotton textiles, and prolongation of the war naturally would mean in closing that market to Italian mills. It is believed, however, he adds, that the large American cotton crop this year will materially reduce the price of the raw material, and bring about an increased home demand in Italy which will be sufficient to offset the loss of the trade with Turkey.

TO-DAY'S ELECTIONS POLITICAL STRAWS

As Go the States Which Vote Now, So May Go
the Presidential Campaign—Interest
Centres in Massachusetts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, November 6.—State elections, as well as elections for Congress, are always considered by shrewd politicians as showing how the straws lay for the national elections. For this reason, to-morrow's State elections are looked upon as of great significance. They are expected to give even to prove more accurate barometers of public sentiment than were the congressional elections a year ago.

Last year, when the Democratic party swept the country, there was great dissatisfaction with the Republican administration. It had reached a high pitch and vented itself with vigor when the time came to elect a new House of Representatives. This year the country may have cooled off a bit, and may view political conditions with conservatism. That is the reason why most politicians look for to-morrow's elections to determine the fate of the two parties next year.

Both Parties Confident.
Leaders of both parties profess to have complete confidence in the outcome of the elections. The Democrats do not believe that their party will be by any reaction on the part of the people, and the Republicans apparently are confident that they will gain by a reaction.

Probably the most interesting of all the State fights is that in Massachusetts, where both parties have adopted the issue of State issues for their campaigns. It is true that they are applying these national issues locally, but they are giving them a larger significance than local interests would ordinarily justify.

President Taft's tariff vetoes have furnished the real issue of the campaign in the Bay State. The Republi-

cans appeal to the voters to sustain the President upon the plea that in vetoing the wool, the cotton and the farmers' free list bills he stood between the people of Massachusetts and disaster. Without high protection, the campaign orators are telling the citizens, Massachusetts cannot hope to prosper.

On the other hand, Democratic leaders, headed by Governor Foss, a candidate to succeed himself, insist with equal vehemence that when the President recorded his vetoes, he refused to lower a tax which takes money from every pocket in the country and puts it into the treasuries of protected mill owners, who are now making from 15 to 300 per cent on their investments. Therefore it is the tariff that the Massachusetts candidates are clashing over. The tariff which was the issue which made the Democratic congressional success last year possible, that is, the tariff in its relation to the high cost of living. If Massachusetts should elect a Republican Governor after such a fight as is now in progress, it will undoubtedly mean that at least one part of the country approves of the tariff vetoes, and desires the present high protective system to continue.

Will Be Good Indication.
If Governor Foss is able to secure a re-election in a State as wedded to high tariff as Massachusetts it will be a good indication that the whole country is prepared to vote against the high protective policy.

In no other States is the issue from a national standpoint so clearly drawn as in the Bay State, yet the outcome of the New York, Kentucky and Maryland will add interest to the situation.

In New York the fight is more local than national. Tammany is one big issue in that campaign for the control of the next Legislature. Against that organization is pitted a fusion force which may develop enough strength to eliminate Murphy from the control of the General Assembly.

In Kentucky national political lines are more strongly drawn than in New York. So far the fight is a straight Democratic assault and a Republican defense. Both a governorship and a senatorship are at stake, and the result will be close.

Maryland presents a peculiar situation, due to the alleged frauds found in the recent primary returns. These have stirred the people of the State, and since it has been charged these frauds were perpetrated by a corrupt Democratic machine in Baltimore city they may give the governorship to Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Republican candidate. Arthur P. Gorman, a son of the late Senator of the same name, is a fighting Democrat, however, as was his father, and he has announced that he will not give up until the last vote is counted.

Should Governor Foss be re-elected in Massachusetts after the terrific fight which has been made to politically destroy him, he will loom bigger on the national horizon than he ever has. He was looked upon as a man of unusual power when he, as a Republican, turned Democrat, and carried a Republican district for Congress following a campaign in which he had lost the same district while running as a Republican.

May Be Presidential Timber.
Then the Governor was given the nomination for his present office by the Massachusetts Democrats after a convention which split the Democracy of the Bay State into two camps.

Of this rupture, he went on campaigning, and he gave his political enemies of both parties a big surprise by being elected. This fact gave the New England national prominence. Now he stands for re-election, and is facing one of the most resourceful political organizations in the country.

A third victory for Foss will elevate him to a position as a presidential possibility nearly as prominent as that occupied by Governors Wilson, of New Jersey, and Harmon, of Ohio. Governor Foss will have won three consecutive victories against enormous odds, and will occupy a position as the leading political figure of New England.

To Travel in Special Car.
The thirteen and a half members of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Baptist General Association of Virginia, which met in Lynchburg this week, will be very largely attended by delegates from Richmond and vicinity. The Richmond women will leave here for Lynchburg on a special car over the Norfolk and Western Railway by the regular 10 o'clock train next Thursday morning, reaching Lynchburg at 12:30. The special car will be filled.

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MACVEAGH FAVORS PLAN OF ALDRICH

Secretary of Treasury Declares
Preference and Urges
Quick Action.

Washington, D. C., November 6.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh to-day declared himself in favor of the Aldrich plan of banking and currency reform with certain minor changes, and said that he would recommend legislation along this line in his annual report. President Taft also will recommend currency legislation along this line.

Secretary MacVeagh is convinced sentiment for the National Reserve Association plan undoubtedly is growing. Moreover, he said to-day he was hopeful of legislation at this session of Congress.

Isolation should not be had this winter. It will hurt any party to get in the way of having something done, whether it be the Regulars, the Insurgents or the Democrats.

Secretary MacVeagh is preparing a speech on the subject, which he will deliver November 11 before the Western Economic Society, in Chicago. In that speech he will, he said, dwell on the urgent need of action on the currency question.

Discussing the Aldrich plan, Secretary MacVeagh said he was convinced about the revisions which were made recently. He believes the plan, as it now stands, is "bullet-proof," so far as the matter of control by any one interest, or set of interests, is concerned. He said the changes which he will recommend in the plan are minor and of a sort that can be made easily.

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Mrs. L. B.: I know it is discouraging to be over-fat, but this can be quickly remedied if you buy four ounces of a note from your druggist and dissolve it in one pint and a half hot water. When it cools take a tablespoonful before meals. Keep up treatment regularly until desired weight is reached. You will find this method will not injure or inconvenience you in any way, and it will not leave the skin flabby or wrinkled.

Q. T.: You can restore the original color to the hair and correct those scalp troubles by using this inexpensive hair tonic: Mix together one-half pint each alcohol and water, and in this put one ounce quinine. Massage the scalp well with this with gradually restore the natural tint and glossiness to the hair and put the scalp in a healthy condition. If you use the quinine hair tonic regularly, it will make the hair come in thick and beautiful.

Worried: That ugly growth of fuzz can be permanently removed from your chin by the application of a paste made with powdered delectate and water. After this has been on two or three minutes rub off and wash the skin, and the hairs will have vanished. Druggists charge a dollar for an ounce package of delectate, but this cost is trifling.

Ruth M.: The insomnia and loss of appetite of which you speak are caused

by an impoverished condition of the blood. What you require is a blood-cleanser and tonic. For a small sum you can make your own, by getting an ounce of kareline and a half pint alcohol. Dissolve one-half cupful sugar in the alcohol, then add the kareline, and hot water to make a full quart. Take a tablespoonful three times each day, and your natural health and strength will soon return. The kareline is gentle in action and quickly rebuilds worn or waste tissues.

Edna: A dry, itchy scalp usually follows the use of an alkaline shampoo mixture. This robs the glands of their necessary oils and causes the tissues to die. The only way to restore vitality and banish the dandruff is to shampoo occasionally with plain catnip, a teaspoonful of which dissolved in hot water is enough for a thorough cleansing. You can obtain an original package of catnip at any drug store, and you will find that aside from keeping the scalp in a clean, healthy condition, it will induce an abundant growth of lustrous, brilliant hair.

A. D. L.: The shiny, oily condition of your skin is due to excessive use of powder, which clogs pores and frequently causes pimples, blackheads and other complexion upsets. I would advise discarding powder and employing a plain spumak lotion. This is prepared by adding two teaspoonfuls glycerine to a half pint hot water, then stirring in four ounces spumak. Apply sparingly to the skin and rub lightly until it dries. You will find this nicer than powder, as it is invisible when on, does not rub off, and gives to the complexion a charm and richness impossible any other way.

XX: Nothing so detracts from beauty like weak, watery eyes, and to overcome this trouble, I would suggest using a plain crystal eye-tonic. You can easily prepare this at home by dissolving one ounce crystals in a pint of cold water. Putting two or three drops in each eye daily quickly relieves the smart or ache, soothes the tired muscles, and gives to the eyes a delightful sparkle and brilliancy.

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